GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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High Commissions/Ambassadors Abroad
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of High Commissioners/Ambassadors along with officers belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs) appointed in various countries during the last three years as on date, country- wise;
(b) the details of norms prescribed for selection of High Commissioners/ Ambassadors; and
(c) the details of IFS Officers along with SC/ST/OBC Officers working in the Ministry as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) As on date, during the last three years, Ambassadors and High Commissioners belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes were appointed in Indian Missions to ASEAN & EAS, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chile, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Maldives, The Philippines, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia and PMI Geneva.

As on date, 53 officers of Scheduled Castes, 28 of Scheduled Tribes and 62 of Other Backward Classes categories stand posted to various Missions/Posts abroad besides Ambassadors/High Commissioners.

(b) Ambassadors and High Commissioners are selected in keeping with the requirements in a particular Diplomatic Mission, and their overall suitability including experience, seniority and regional and professional experience.

(c) As on date there are 718 Indian Foreign Service Officers deployed at Headquarters and Mission/Post abroad. The category-wise number of IFS officers is as under:
General : 461
OBC : 107
SC : 96
ST : 54